

In the Specification:

At page 1, please amend the first paragraph in the section entitled "Related Application Data" as follows (note that the paragraph being amended is from the November 17, 2000 amendment, which appears to be the last amendment entered in this application):

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This application is a continuation of ~~[allowed]~~ co-pending application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now patent 5,862,260), ~~[which is a continuation-in-part of application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now patent 5,822,436). This application is also a continuation-in-part of allowed application 08/438,159, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,850,481). These allowed applications are incorporated herein by reference.]~~ which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now patent 5,768,426). Application 08/327,426 is a continuation in part of application 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994 (now abandoned), which is a continuation in part of application 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993 (now abandoned). Application 08/637,531 also claims priority to application 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned). The following U.S. applications are incorporated herein by reference: 08/649,419 and 08/438,159.


At page 1, please insert the following after the section entitled "Related Application Data" and before the section entitled "Field of the Invention" (which was added in the preliminary amendment filed with the application):

Reference to Computer Program Listing

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The file of this patent includes duplicate copies of a compact disc with a file entitled "Appendix B.txt", created on November 7, 2003, and having a size of 375,829 bytes (376,832 bytes on disc), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

At page 101, please amend the paragraph at lines 27-30 as follows:

 Applicant is preparing a steganographic marking/decoding "plug-in" for use with Adobe Photoshop software. The latest version of this software, presented as commented source code, is included in the file of this patent in hard copy and on a compact disc in a file named Appendix B.txt, created on November 7, 2003, and having a size of 375,829 bytes (376,832 bytes on disc), which is incorporated by reference ~~[is attached as Appendix B]~~. The code was written for compilation with Microsoft's Visual C++ compiler, version 4.0, and can be understood by those skilled in the art.

With respect to Appendix B, please retain the hard copy source code listing of Appendix B as part of the file, and also add to the file the computer program listing of the Appendix B source code provided on compact disc.